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SUBJ: IMPACT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS' VISIT

BRASILIA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. FONMINISTER BLANCO CALLED ME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO TELL ME, ON HIS OWN BEHALF AND ALSO ON THE EXPRESSED INSTRUCTION OF PRESIDENT BORDABERRY, HOW PLEASED BOTH WERE WITH THE VISIT HERE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS WHICH THEY JUDGED TOBE EXTREMELY POSITIVE IN EVERY RESPECT. THE COMBINATON OF THIS VISIT, THE MINISTER SAID, AND THE ELECTON OF FINMINISTER VEGH VILLEGAS AS PRESIDENT OF THE CIES MEETING IN WASHINGTON, HAS HAD AN IMPORTANT PSYCHOLOGICAL BENEFIT FOR A "LITTLE COUNTRY LIKE URUGUAY". TO BE TAKEN INTO THE COUNSELS OF "THE MOST POWERFUL NATION IN THE WORLD", TO HAVE A SENSE OF PARTICIPATION WITH IT AND CONSULTATION BY IT IN THE FORMULATION OF IMPORTANT DECISIONS IS APPRECIATED, THE MINISTER SAID, NOT ONLY BY THE GOVERNMENT BUT OBVIOUSLY BY THE PEOPLE OF URUGUAY. HE NOTED THE SUBSTANTIAL PRESS COVERAGE GIVEN TO EVERY ASPECT REOGERS' VISIT, AS WELL AS THE SYMPATHETIC, FRIENDLY, INTERESTED AND ACCURATE CHARACTER OF THE REPORTAGE--ALL WITH AMPLE SPACE TO PHOTOGRAPHS. HE THOUGHT ROGERS HAD BEEN JUDGED TO BE AN EFFECTIVE AND

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2. APART FROM THE ABOVE APPRAISAL THE MINISTER COMMENTED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS HELD AND THE OPPORTUNITY

WHICH HE HAD TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT ISSUES WITH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND TO PRESENT URUGUAY'S POINT OF VIEW. OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE, HE SAID, WAS THE CUBA ISSUE, THE PROBLEM OF ENERGY AND ITS IMPACT ON URUGUAY, PREPARATIONS FOR THE OASGA AND THE PROPER PLACE FOR THE NEW DIALOGUE IN INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

3. I TOLD THE MINISTER I APPRECIATED GREATLY, AS I KNEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS WOULD, THE ATTITUDE EXPRESSED BY HIMSELF AND ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT BORDABERRY. I EXPRESSED MY APPRECIATION FOR THE CORDIAL RECEPTION WHICH HAD BEEN GIVEN TO ROGERS AND THE THOUGHTFULNESS

DEMONSTRATED BY URUGUAY'S HIGHEST OFFICIALS IN ACCOMMODATING THEIR SCHEDULES TO THE VERY DIFFICULT ONE WHICH THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY WAS REQUESTED TO FOLLOW. I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD BEEN ABOUT TO REPORT MY OWN PERSONAL APPRAISAL OF THE POSITIVE VALUE OF THIS VISIT BUT THAT WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME MADE MY OWN TASK EASIER. IT WOULD BE A PLEASURE, I SAID, TO REPORT THAT THE APPRAISAL OF URUGUAY'S HIGHEST OFFICIALS COINCIDED PRECISELY WITH MY OWN.

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